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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
WOMAN'S BUFFALO BRANCH
OF THE
AMERICAN
SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION
OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

For the Year Ending December, 1873.



OFFICE, COR. EAGLE AND FRANKLIN STREETS.

BUFFALO:
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ORGANIZED AS AN AUXILIARY TO THE BUFFALO BRANCH OF
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, OCT., 1869.

*Incorporated as the Woman's Branch of the American Society,
December 31st, 1871.*

BUFFALO;
OFFICE, CORNER OF EAGLE AND FRANKLIN STREETS.
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OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Elected at the Annual Meeting in November.

PRESIDENT,

MRS. HORATIO SEYMOUR.

VICE-PRESIDENTS,

MRS. JOHN C. LORD.

MISS LUCY LORD.

TREASURER,

MISS ALICE EVANS.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

RECORDING SECRETARY,

MRS. J. H. YERKES.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

MRS. DR. LONG,

MRS. DR. WETMORE,

MRS. KEENE,

MRS. DR. OSBORNE,

MISS REBECCA TOWNSEND,

MISS ALICE EVANS.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

*HON. MILLARD FILLMORE,

JAMES N. MATTHEWS,

REV. DR. J. C. LORD,

SILAS KINGSLEY,

REV. L. J. FLETCHER,

GEORGE J. BRYAN.

* Deceased.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

The title and name of this Society is "The Woman's Buffalo Branch of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society are: To provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals; to enforce all laws which are now, or may hereafter be enacted, for the protection of dumb animals, and to secure by lawful means the arrest, conviction and punishment of all persons violating such laws; also, the prevention of all cruelty by humane education.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Society shall consist of Active Life Members, Associate Life Members, Active Annual Members, Associate Annual Members, Honorary Members, and Patrons. Children may become Associate Members.

ARTICLE IV.

Active Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society; Associate Life Members shall be entitled to all its privileges, except voting; Active Annual Members shall be entitled to all its privileges during the year terminating one week before the annual election; Associate Annual Members to all its privileges during the same time, except that of voting. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all its privileges, except voting during the time of their membership, and Patrons shall have their names enrolled on its records, and its next annual report after their becoming such.

ARTICLE V.

DUES.

A person may become an Active Life Member, by the payment of one hundred dollars; an Associate Life Member, by the payment of fifty dollars; Active Annual Members, one dollar membership fee, with such additional monthly sums as the person may choose to designate. Associate Annual Members shall pay five dollars per year. Any grown person or child may become an Honorary Member by being elected as such in consideration of some conspicuous act of mercy to the brute creation, or material aid to the purposes of the Society. Any lady may become a patroness by the yearly payment of ten dollars, and children by the yearly payment of fifty cents.

ARTICLE VI.

DUES.

The name of any member of the Society neglecting for two consecutive years to pay the annual dues, or at any time wholly refusing to pay them, may, by the Executive Committee, be erased from the list of members of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

The fiscal year shall for all purposes commence on the first day of November, and end on the thirty-first day of October.

ARTICLE VIII.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of five members. With the exception of the Executive Committee (who shall be appointed by, and hold office during the pleasure of the President), they shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall hold their offices respectively until others are elected in their places. All officers of the Society to be chosen at any election, may be voted for on one ballot.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Saturday in November, in each and every year hereafter when the annual election of the officers of the Society shall take place; and if, from any cause, there shall be a failure of the annual election at the time designated for that purpose, the same may be held at a meeting to be specially called for that purpose.

SECTION II.

Every member of the Society who has been such for twenty days or more, and who is not in arrears for dues, shall be entitled to vote at such election.

SECTION III.

At the annual meeting of the Society, the Executive Committee shall present a general report of its proceedings and those of the Society during the past year, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall also present their annual reports.

SECTION IV.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, or in her absence, by one of the Vice Presidents. Such call shall be made by inserting a notice of the time and place of such meeting in two of the daily papers published in the city of Buffalo, at least two days before the same is purposed to be held.

SECTION V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At all meetings of the Society for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Society, the order of proceedings shall be as follows, unless otherwise specially ordered:

1. Report of the agents.
2. Reading minutes of the last meeting.
3. Report from the Treasurer.
4. Report from Executive and other Committees.
5. Reports and communications from officers of the Society.
6. Nomination of new members.
7. Payment of dues.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Miscellaneous business.

SECTION VI.

All propositions presented for the action of the Society at any of its meetings, shall be in writing when requested by the presiding officer or any member. A proposition when thus presented and seconded, and the question thereon stated from the chair, shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Society, and open for discussion; but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amendment or decision.

SECTION VII.

No member shall speak more than once upon the same question, until all the members present desiring to speak shall have spoken; nor more than twice upon any question, without leave of the Society; nor more than five minutes, unless by consent of the meeting.

SECTION VIII.

QUORUM.

At all meetings of the Society, five members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except at the annual meeting, when the members present, without regard to number, shall be empowered to act.

SECTION IX.

COMMITTEES.

All Committees authorized by the Society shall, unless otherwise specially ordered, consist of three (3) members each, and be appointed by the presiding officer.

SECTION X.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

At all meetings of the Society, on the arrival of the appointed hour, and the presence of a quorum, the President, or in her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence of both, a Chairman *pro tem.*, shall immediately take the chair, call the meeting to order and preside. She shall have only a casting vote. She shall preserve order and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society. She shall also, unless otherwise specially ordered, appoint all Committees authorized by the Society, and at every annual election, before the opening of the polls, she shall appoint two (2) tellers of election.

SECTION XI.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the general correspondence of the Society, with individuals, associate and auxiliary bodies. She shall keep in suitable books, to be provided for that purpose, true copies of all letters written by her on behalf of the Society, and shall preserve on proper files, all letters received by her on the same account; and at each stated meeting of the Society or the Executive Committee, shall report the correspondence and read the same, or such parts thereof as may be required. It shall also be her duty to give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and to attend the same.

SECTION XII.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

She shall keep fair and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and record the same when approved, in the Society journal. She shall give immediate notice to the several officers and committees of the Society of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties. She shall prepare a list of members entitled to vote, to be handed to the tellers before the opening of the polls at each annual election.

She shall officially sign and affix the corporate seal of the Society to all diplomas and other instruments or documents authorized by the Society or the Executive Committee. She shall have charge of the Corporate Seal, Charter, By-Laws, Records and general Archives of the Society, except so far as they may be expressly placed under the charge of others. She shall certify all acts and proceedings of the Society, and shall notify the Executive Committee of the death, resignation or removal of any officer or member of the Society. She shall keep a registry of all donations to the Society, acknowledge their receipt by letter to the donors, and report the same in writing to the Society at its next meeting. The Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Committees, and act as Secretary thereof.

SECTION XIII.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of, and safely keep, all contracts, certificates of stock, securities, and muniments of titles belonging to the Society. She shall collect the dues and keep the funds of the Society and disburse the same under the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall deposit the funds in her hands each month in some incorporated bank or trust company in the city of Buffalo, to be designated by the Executive Committee; and the said funds thus deposited shall be drawn out of the said bank or trust company only on the check of the Treasurer, countersigned by the President of

the Society. The Treasurer shall, previous to the annual meeting of the Society, prepare and submit to the Executive Committee for audit a detailed account of her receipts and disbursements for account of the Society during the past year, and which annual account, duly audited, she shall present to the Society with her general report, at its annual meeting. She shall produce to the Executive Committee, all original vouchers, papers, books of account, and other evidences of receipts and disbursements, whenever she may be so required.

SECTION XIV.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall have the management and control of all the general affairs and interests of the society shall attend to keeping the fountains and other property belonging to the society in good repair; shall see that the office of the Society is kept in good order; shall regulate the incidental expenses connected with the agency, and the general expenditures of the society, and render all possible assistance to the President; shall hold a meeting, once a month, on Friday preceding the regular meeting; shall keep an accurate record of their proceedings from which to make their general report at the annual meeting.

SECTION XV.

AGENTS.

This Society has no general Agents authorized to bind it, or to incur pecuniary obligations in its behalf by their acts or omissions. The special Agents of this Society shall be appointed and removed at will from time to time by the President. They shall hold such position during her pleasure, and shall be subject to and governed by such rules and orders as she may prescribe and issue consistent with these By-Laws. The appointment of every special Agent shall be in writing. Special Agents shall receive such salary or pecuniary compensation for their services as may be from time to time determined by the Executive Committee. Only special Agents

(except the officers before mentioned) may, upon being designated thereto by the Sheriff of this County as Agents of this Society, make lawful arrests and by lawful means bring before any court or magistrate thereof having jurisdiction, offenders found violating the provisions of laws now existing, or which may hereafter be enacted for the protection of dumb animals, and for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals, as in and by said laws provided. No special Agent is authorized to incur any debt or pecuniary liability on the part of the Society by his acts or omissions; nor are any acts or omissions on his part, contrary to, or in excess of, or unauthorized by law, to be deemed as within the scope of his authority as such special Agent, or as authorized, sanctioned or ratified by this Society.

Every special Agent shall keep a complete, accurate, daily record of all business transacted for the Society, from which he shall prepare a weekly report and present to the Executive Committee, to be copied by the Secretary of said Committee into a book suitable for that purpose, which book shall remain on the table in the office of the Society for reference. The Agent of the Society shall also prepare a monthly report, containing plain and explicit statements of time, place and manner of all interferences, preventions or arrests which he may have made during the month, and bring to each regular meeting of the Society. And he shall remain so long as is necessary for him to read his report, when he shall withdraw and leave the ladies to the transaction of the business of the Society.

SECTION XVI.

The Constitution and By-Laws of this Society may be revised, altered or amended at the regular annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or at any regular meeting of the Society, provided a notice of such intention shall be inserted in the daily papers, in connection with the usual monthly notice of the meetings.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The second year of the existence of this Society, as an independent organization, has drawn to a close, and it is with a feeling of devout thankfulness that we find ourselves enabled to say that the result of its work has been eminently satisfactory. Of the actual amount of good accomplished through its agency, directly and indirectly, no one perhaps, may ever be able to tell. Our financial report speaks for itself, showing that notwithstanding the pressure in all monetary affairs, and the large sums which have been expended during the year for fountains and salaries of agents, and in the purchase of papers and books for gratuitous distribution, our bank account is much better than it has ever been before, and we feel encouraged to believe that the future success of the Society in this, is already assured. The whole time of a vigilant and efficient officer is devoted to the prevention of thoughtless cruelty, and the punishment of the viciously cruel, and while the whole number of convictions may seem comparatively small, we would remember that this number, in any given time, only represents a small portion of the work of the Society. We have erected six plain, durable drinking fountains during the year, in different parts of the city, at a cost of nearly five hundred dollars, and one had only to stop a few moments beside one of these during the hot summer months to appreciate, in a measure at least, the blessing which they bestow upon the poor dumb animals.

The Society has held twelve regular and five special meetings during the year, and though occasionally the attendance has been large, yet the average number by actual record has only been eight—showing that while we receive the support of a large membership, the active work falls upon a few.

At the last regular meeting the Society decided to send our agent, Mr. Darbee, to Rochester for two weeks, to work for

the purpose of interesting the people of our sister city in this cause of humanity. The result has been the formation of a Society there with a membership of forty, and a liberal subscription of money, in the consummation of which our esteemed friend and member of Advisory Committee, Dr. John C. Lord, rendered most efficient aid by going to Rochester and addressing the people upon the subject of humane treatment of animals.

In looking back over the year that is just closing we find that one of our Advisory Committee (Rev. John E. Robie) has been removed by death; and in this affliction the Society has lost a warm friend and earnest advocate. Although none of our active members have died, almost all the officers have sat for weary months in the shadow of deep affliction; and to-day we know that the shadows are gathering still deeper around the home of our honored President, and as a Society who appreciate all she has done for us, we cannot refrain from this expression of our sympathy for her in her hour of affliction, and from each heart rises the prayer that the

Dear Lord may sweeten the water before she stoops to drink,
Or if the Murah *must* be Murah, He will stand beside the brink.

To the retiring officers who have so faithfully performed their respective duties, the Society would tender their sincere thanks. We also feel under obligation to those clergymen who have presented our cause to their churches.

To the gentlemen of the press, who by kindly notices and words of warning to the people have afforded us material aid, we are under repeated obligations. Finally, we would say to all the friends of humanity who have helped us in our efforts to alleviate the sufferings of God's creatures, while we thankfully remember the past, we earnestly appeal to your generous liberality for a continuance of your pecuniary support. Large contributions of money are needed to carry on the work of the Society, and will be as long as it is necessary for us to speak for the dumb and defenceless animals.

Mrs. J. H. YERKES.
Secretary.

AGENT'S REPORT.

The Agent reports the whole number of arrests made during the year,.....	170
The whole number of convictions,.....	155
The whole number of complaints left at the office,....	53
The whole number of preventions,.....	470
The whole number discharged by the court,.....	24
Of the one hundred and seventy-nine arrests there were for using sore and galled horses and mules,.....	153
For cruelly beating horses and mules,.....	4
For over-driving,.....	8
For over-loading,.....	2
For mutilating dogs,.....	4
For cock-fighting,.....	1
For starving cattle,....	2
For abandoning horses,.....	2
For drawing horses by the cheek,.....	1
For leaving poultry tied by the legs,.....	1
For carrying calves tied by the legs,.....	1

W. L. DARBEE,
Agent.

CONTRIBUTORS.

NAMES OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS AND AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Millard Fillmore,	\$24.00	Dr. Geo. E. Hayes,	5.00
L. K. Bass,	25.00	Lewis F. Allen,	1.00
Mrs. Jebb,	30.00	Mrs. L. F. Allen,	1.00
Henry Richmond,	60.00	Miss Gertrude Allen, .	1.00
Horace Williams,	5.00	Mrs. Clara Luna,	1.00
Wm. H. Walker,	5.00		

NAMES OF MONTHLY SUBSCRIBERS AND AMOUNT RECEIVED.

PER MISS LUCY LORD.

Mrs. J. C. Harrison,	per month, \$3.00	\$37.50
" Millard Fillmore,	" 2.00	10.00
" Mrs. Wm. Williams,	" 2.00	23.00
Rev. J. C. Lord,	" 2.00	24.00
" Dr. Heacock,	" 1.00	5.00
" Erskine N. White,	" .50	7.50
Mrs. J. C. Lord,	" 1.00	10.00
" Henry Martin,	" 2.00	8.00
" M. P. Bash,	" 1.00	1.00
" H. M. Lymburner,	" 1.00	5.00
" O. Howard,	" 1.00	2.00
" S. G. Cornell,	" 1.00	14.00
" H. O. White,	" 1.00	13.00
" Wm. Wilkeson,	" 1.00	4.00
Miss Louisa Wilkeson,	" 1.00	4.00
Mrs. L. Enos,	" 1.00	4.00
" F. H. Root,	" .50	6.50
D. B. Castle,	" .50	6.00

Mrs. D. B. Castle,	per month, \$.80	\$2.00
" Dr. Burwell,	" .50	2.00
Miss Rebecca Townsend,	" .50	6.50
Mrs. Chas. Rossoul,	" .50	2.00
" Jas. Small,	" .50	1.50
" J. Noyes,	" .50	4.00
" Jas. Adams,	" .40	4.85
" J. Leslie,	" .25	.25
" Henry Box,	" .40	5.30
" E. B. Holmes,	" .25	1.00
" J. S. Lyons,	" .25	3.25
" I. Wheeler,	" .25	1.75
Samuel Smith,	" .20	3.60
Miss Lucy Lord,	" .20	1.20
Mrs. Thos. Chester,	" .50	7.00
" J. G. Wilson,	" .50	7.00
" L. P. Dayton,	" .50	.50
" Jason Sexton,	" .50	3.50
" Mary Bull,	" .25	5.00
" E. H. Dutton,	" 1.00	5.00
" Chas. Miller,	" 1.00	7.00
" Farner,	" 2.00	7.00
James M. Smith,	" .50	8.50
Mrs. John Wayland,	" .50	5.00
" Dr. Osborne,	" .25	2.00
" Jennie Cothran,	" .50	7.00
" Althaus,	" 1.00	5.00
" O. G. Steele,	" .50	1.00
O. G. Steele,	" .50	1.00
Miss E. Helme,	" .50	2.00

PER MISS E. B. LORD.

Miss Elizabeth Edge,	per month, \$.10	\$1.20
" Nettie Stanbridge,	" .10	1.20
" Lucy Stanbridge,	" .10	1.20
" E. B. Lord,	" .10	1.20
" M. Drake,	" .20	2.40
" Spiers,	" .25	3.00
" Jennie Clinton,	" .10	.80

Miss E. J. Gazley.....	per month, \$.05	\$.05
" Mary Ryan.....	"	.05	.05
Mrs. E. Swain.....	"	.10	.10
M. A. Root.....	"	.10	1.50

PER MRS. WM. WOLTGE.

Mrs. Forbush.....	per month, \$2.00	\$14.00
" Woltge.....	"	.50
Miss Lillie Woltge.....	"	.25

PER MRS. H. SEYMOUR.

Mrs. P. Staats.....	per month, \$1.00	\$1.00
Mrs. H. Seymour.....	"	.50
John Devlin.....	"	.50
Mr. Downs.....	"	.15

PER MISS H. L. HAYES.

Mrs. Gibson T. Williams.....	per month, \$1.00	\$12.00
" Geo. B. Bull.....	"	.50
" Henry R. Seymour.....	"	.50
Miss Mary E. Dodge.....	"	.50
Geo. E. Hayes.....	"	.50
Dr. C. C. Wyckoff.....	"	.50
Wm. King, Jr.....	"	.50
Daniel Penfield.....	"	.50
Mrs. Geo. Enos.....	"	.25
" Chas. A. Sweet.....	"	.25
" Jas. M. Lent.....	"	.25
" E. Harries.....	"	.25
Miss Grace Sheldon.....	"	.15
Mrs. Wm. C. Smith.....	"	.10
" John Martin.....	"	.10
" Geo. Hadley.....	"	.10
" C. W. Harvey.....	"	.10
" B. H. Austin, Jr.....	"	.10
" A. P. Southwick.....	"	.10
Miss Agnes Squier.....	"	.10
Mrs. Geo. Townsend.....	"	.25
Miss H. L. Hayes.....	"	.25

PER INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. Mack.....	per month, \$.25	\$3.00
Miss Gertrude Allen.....	"	.50	5.50
Mrs. L. A. Long.....	"	.50	6.00
" E. R. Chase.....	"	.50	2.00
" Church.....	"	.25	2.25
Miss E. Helme.....	"	.50	4.00
Mrs. Jos. Tift.....	"	1.00	12.00
" Mulligan.....	"	.20	1.00

DONATIONS.

Miss Lucy Lord (part rec'pts from Rink), \$100.00	Wm. Farman.....	5.00
Bronson Rumsey..... 25.00	Mrs. Louise Todrig..	3.00
Wm. P. Letchworth.. 25.00	Orlando Allen.....	4.00
Nicholas Ublehoer.. 50.00	Clarke, Roland & Co.,	4.00
Hart, Ball & Hart... 30.00	Mrs. Thos. Dudley..	2.00
Mrs. E. G. Spaulding, 10.00	A friend.....	1.00
" Chas. Ensign... 13.00	Chas. Utley.....	.25
Miss Agnes Ethel... 10.00	Cash.....	3.00

NAMES OF MEMBERS ADDED TO THE SOCIETY DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. E. A. Bockwood.. \$1.00	Chris. Chamot.....	1.00
" Dr. Osborne..... 1.00	Mrs. Dr. Wetmore, ...	1.00
Miss E. Helme..... 1.00	" G. B. Keene.....	1.00
Mrs. John Wayland... 1.00	" E. Carlton Sprague,	1.00
" Jane Johnston... 1.00	" Dr. Winne.....	1.00
Miss Margaret Johnston, 1.00	" Dennis Alward... 1.00	
" Mary L. Wilson... 1.00	Mary Alward.....	.50
Robert Owens..... 1.00	Henry Alward.....	.50
Chas. Walbridge..... 1.00	Edward Wetherell....	.50
Lucas Chester..... 1.00		

THE WOMAN'S BUFFALO BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

In Account with MISS HARRIET L. HAYES, Treasurer.

Dr.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1878.

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CASH.

To salary paid to agent,	\$1,030.00
" salaries paid to special agents,	627.75
" paid rent of room,	150.00
" current expenses,	203.40
" paid bill for printing,	50.00
" paid bill for fountain and patting up of same,	459.80
" paid Society's subscription to "Our Dumb Animals",	50.00
" paid individual subscriptions to pa- pers,	3.00
" loan made by Society,	125.00
" 10 bound volumes "Dumb Animals",	90.00
" bound volumes "Animal World",	100.00
" amount of fines in hands of Justice Nash,	425.00
" balance in hands of treasurer, in bank,	1,852.02
	<u>\$5,088.97</u>

CASH.

By balance in bank Nov. 1st, 1872,	\$ 298.86
" fines received,	2,403.00
" monthly subscriptions,	518.07
" annual subscriptions,	148.00
" donations,	185.95
" collection in Central Presb. Church, March, 1878,	76.80
" membership fees,	17.50
" sale of badges,	8.25
" sale of books and papers,	17.25
" subscriptions received to "Our Dumb Animals," "Humane Journal" and "The Animal World",	45.00
" monthly payments received on loan, amount received for use of Society's room,	40.00
" interest received on money in bank, receipts from refreshment room at the Rink,	9.50
	19.81
	<u>1,205.38</u>
	<u>\$5,088.97</u>

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MILLARD FILLMORE.

DIED MARCH 8TH, 1874.

Nothing was more conspicuous in Mr. Fillmore's character than his humanity. His hatred of oppression has been mentioned in almost all the notices of his life and services which have appeared since his death. But in nothing was this trait more conspicuous than in his compassion for the inferior races, the dumb animals whom the Creator has given into the charge of men. Long before any societies for their protection had been formed in this country; long before Henry Bergh was raised up as the defender of the servants of man, exposing the intolerable cruelty to which they were constantly subjected, Mr. Fillmore, whenever he saw a case of brutal violence in the streets on the part of the drivers or drovers, was in the habit of personally interfering, and sometimes, as he has himself informed me, was exposed, not merely to verbal abuse, but threatened with a personal assault. From the beginning he took a warm interest in the formation of societies in this city auxiliary to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and of that most efficient organization—the Woman's Branch. He was the ardent and constant friend and adviser; his contributions were large; his attendance at all anniversaries and public meetings was uniform; he always had a cheering word to say, and no benevolent organization will feel his loss so much as the Woman's Branch Society of Buffalo. May his mantle descend upon many of our surviving citizens, stimulating those who are possessed of wealth and occupy places of honor and influence to imitate his noble example and supply his vacant place.

J. C. L.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY

F. T. P. O. C. A.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Buffalo Branch of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:

Whereas, In the death of Ex-President Fillmore, this Society has lost an able and earnest friend, a wise counsellor and a constant contributor, we deem it proper to render a brief tribute to his memory. Therefore,

Resolved, That while we submit to the divine decree in the removal of the distinguished citizen who has filled the highest offices in the nation's gift; whose many virtues are universally known and acknowledged; we feel that we have met an irreparable loss which nothing can supply but the divine gift of other men of the like ability, integrity, humanity and zeal in the cause of the dumb sufferers, who have so long groaned under the tyranny of man, "travailing in pain together until now," when, owing to the efforts of such men as Millard Fillmore and Henry Bergh, the dawn of hope has appeared for the lower creatures.

Resolved, That the rooms of the Society be draped in mourning for thirty days, as a slight memorial of our great grief for his loss.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of our departed friend, and especially with Mrs. Fillmore, who has ever manifested with her husband a deep interest in our cause.

(LAWS OF 1874, CHAPTER 12.)

AN ACT
RELATING TO ANIMALS.

PASSED FEBRUARY 11TH, 1874.

The People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Every person who shall wilfully set on foot, or instigate, or move to, or carry on, or promote, or engage in, or do any act toward the furtherance of any act of cruelty to any animal shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. All agents of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals shall have all the powers now conferred on them by law. Any person who shall falsely represent or personate an officer, agent or member of said society shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. Any officer, agent or member of said Society may lawfully interfere to prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty upon any animal in his presence. Any person who shall interfere with or obstruct any such officer, agent or member in the discharge of his duty, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 4. Any agent or officer of said society may lawfully destroy, or cause to be destroyed, any animal found abandoned and not properly cared for, appearing in the judgment of two reputable citizens called by him to view the same in his presence, to be glandered, injured, or diseased past recovery for any useful purpose.

SEC. 5. When any person arrested is at the time of such arrest in charge of any vehicle drawn by or containing any animal, any agent of said society may take charge of such an-

imal, and of such vehicle and its contents, and deposit the same in a safe place of custody, or deliver the same into the possession of the police or sheriff of the county or place wherein such arrest was made, who shall thereupon assume the custody thereof.

SEC. 6. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected in any county in this state under the provisions of every act passed, or which may be passed relating to or in any wise affecting animals, except where otherwise provided, shall inure to said society in aid of the purpose for which it was incorporated. And no injunction shall be granted against said society, or any of its officers or agents, except upon motion after due notice and hearing thereof.

SEC. 7. Upon complaint under oath or affirmation to any magistrate authorized to issue warrants in criminal cases that the complainant has just and reasonable cause to suspect that any of the provisions of law relating to or in any wise affecting animals are being, or are about to be violated in any particular building or place, such magistrate shall immediately issue and deliver a warrant to any person authorized by law to make arrests for such offenses, authorizing him to enter and search such building or place, and to arrest any person there present found violating any of said laws, and to bring such person before the nearest magistrate of competent jurisdiction, to be dealt with according to law.

SEC. 8. In this act, and in every law of this State passed, or which may be passed relating to or affecting animals, the singular shall include the plural; the words "animal" or "dumb animal" shall be held to include every living creature; the words "torture," "torment," or "cruelty," shall be held to include every act, omission or neglect, whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering, or death is caused or permitted; and the words "owner" and "person" shall be held to include corporations as well as individuals. But nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the shooting of birds for the purposes of human food.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

